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Mr. Peter F. Cammann
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Dear Mr. Cammann:

Thank you for your kind words about my meeting with citizens at the Hastings Junior High.

Let me assure you that my staff is working industriously to prepare comments on all the issues raised at the meeting. We are intending to meet my pledge to have those comments prepared by July 18. On several of the issues raised, we are working jointly with the appropriate state agencies to assure that they are addressed.

I know that issues related to the Acushnet landfill were raised in the report submitted at the meeting in Fairhaven. I would like to review the written comments before I address the two issues raised in your June 29 letter to learn more about the situation and to determine whether EPA involvement is warranted.

Once your organization has had an opportunity to review our comments on the issues raised at the meeting, including the recommendations of the Southeastern Health Project, we will be happy to discuss the possibilities for a meeting.

Thank you again for your gracious comments about the good will created from my meeting in Fairhaven. It is important to me to know that all citizens understand that we are sincere in our efforts to protect the environment and public health.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Deland
Regional Administrator

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